



# Press Release

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## **PRESS RELEASE** **July 2<sup>nd</sup> , 2012**

Sgt. Larry Harpster reported that on Thursday, June 28, 2012, the Lake County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol Unit was patrolling the waters of Lake Erie. Shortly before 7 p.m. At that time a jet ski was discovered against the rock break wall near the mouth of the harbor at the north end of the Grand River in Fairport Harbor. The jet ski was occupied by one adult male who was a Painesville Twp. resident, and two juvenile females. The jet ski owner was waving an orange distress flag which caught the marine patrol units attention. It was learned that the jet ski had become disabled near the mouth of the harbor, and the wind had carried the jet ski and its occupants against the East-West break wall.

The Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol unit was able to render assistance and was able to get the juvenile females safely on board "Marine One". The jet ski was then pulled away from the rocks and was towed safely back to the Fairport Port Authority.

A key factor to this safe rescue was that all occupants of the jet ski were wearing their required life jackets. Also, the owner/operator of the jet ski maintained all required safety equipment on board and helped him successfully alert other boaters that they were in distress. Please visit the Sheriff's web page at <http://www.lakecountyohio.gov/sheriffoffice/LakeCountyOhioSheriffMarinePatrol.aspx> for important tips on safe boating and skiing this summer on our great lakes.

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